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CHAIRES Methodist Church

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God Is Not Finished

This week in **Alpha 101**, we are asking the question, **"Does God Still Change Lives?"**

Most of us would probably answer yes. We believe God can heal, restore, forgive, and transform. But the harder question is often whether we can recognize God's work when the change is slower, quieter, or different from what we expected.

In our Hump Day devotion, we reflected on this truth: **Do not confuse an unfinished story with an absent God.**

That is worth carrying with us into the week ahead.

Sometimes we become so focused on what has not changed that we miss what God may already be doing. The relationship may still be difficult, but perhaps your heart is becoming softer. The prayer may still feel unanswered, but perhaps you are discovering strength you did not have before. The circumstances may still be uncertain but perhaps fear no longer has quite the same hold on you.

That is still change.

Sunday's Scriptures remind us that God's work does not always arrive the way we expect. Naaman almost missed his healing because God's answer seemed too ordinary. The woman who reached for Jesus received more than physical healing; she was reminded that she belonged. Jairus had to keep trusting Jesus even when it appeared that the story had taken a devastating turn.

Their stories invite us to look again at our own.

This week, instead of asking only, **"Why hasn't God changed this yet?"**, try asking three different questions.

Where do I need Jesus' help?
Be honest about the place you cannot fix by yourself.
Where is God already at work?
Look for the small signs of grace you might normally overlook.
Who might be encouraged by my story?
Someone may need to hear that God carried you through a difficult season, forgave you, strengthened you, or gave you hope when you thought hope was gone.

Your story does not have to be dramatic to be useful. It only has to be honest. Sometimes the most powerful testimony is simply, **"I do not have all the answers, but God was faithful to me here."**

So as you move through this week, pay attention to the unfinished places. Do not assume that because you cannot yet see the ending, God is not working.

May God give us eyes to recognize His work, patience to trust Him in the waiting, and courage to share the grace we have received.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kerry

Pastor Visit

If you or someone you know is facing illness, loneliness, hardship, or needs prayer, Pastor Kerry is available to visit, pray, and offer support. To arrange a visit, contact Susan Capelouto, Administrative Assistant, or Rev. Kerry Foote.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shares the love of Jesus with children around the world through shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal-care items. We invite you to pick up a box, fill it with gifts, pray for the child who will receive it, and return it to the church.

One small box can be a big expression of God's love!
For more information, talk with or text our Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, **Diane Matthews, at (850) 284-4890.**



Pack a box. Pray for a child. Share the love of Jesus!

The last Sunday for collections at the church will be November 15, 2026!



We meet in the Sunday School room in the Multi-Purpose Building of Chaires Church

Help Fill ECHO's Pantry

How ECHO Helps: ECHO provides food and essentials to Tallahassee neighbors facing hardship.

How You Can Help: Bring nonperishable food on Sunday and place it in the basket at the back of the church.



Find us on Facebook

Chaires Methodist Church now streams worship live on Facebook every Sunday morning. If you cannot attend in person, join our worshiping family online.

Hear the Sunday message, sing along, share the service, and stay connected with our church community.

Like and follow our Facebook page for event updates, announcements, live services, and sermon archives. Whether in the pew or online, you have a place at Chaires Methodist Church.
https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/

The flower calendar through January 2027 has been posted in the hallway near the nursery.



Church Members

Stana Novak / Kathy Forester

Friends and Family

Sandy Register (Jean Lombardi) / Geoff Monge (Linda and Tony Minichiellop) / Sandra Harrison (Diane Matthews) / Patti Harrison (Terry Hatcher) / Terry West (Pearl Strickland) Pat Munge (Linda Minichiello) / Nancy Whitfield (Terry Hatcher)

Alpha Small Groups — Thursdays

Our **Alpha Small Groups** meet each Thursday for food, fellowship, a short video, and honest conversation about the Christian faith. You do not have to have all the answers—Alpha is a place to ask questions, explore faith, and grow together.

Morning Alpha: 9:00 a.m. at the church with breakfast
Evening Alpha: 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage with dinner

Upcoming Alpha Topics

November 12 — *Why and How Should I Tell Others? / Does God Heal Today?*
November 19 — *What About the Church? / How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?*

CHAIRES METHODIST CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 14, 2026
2:00–5:00 p.m.
Open to the community • All ages welcome
All activities are free!

2:00–3:00 p.m.	Free hamburgers, hot dogs & inflatable rides
3:00–4:00 p.m.	Pack Operation Christmas Child boxes & enjoy inflatable rides
4:00–5:00 p.m.	Jason Korsiak presents The Sci-Fi Gospels

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Cooking • Inflatable games • Packing boxes
Sign up on the sheet at the back table.

Operation Christmas Child
Help pack Christmas joy! Through Samaritan's Purse, shoeboxes of toys, school supplies, and personal-care items share God's love and the good news of Jesus with children worldwide. Shoebox items for packing will be provided. Join us—one shoebox can make a difference!

The Sci-Fi Gospels with Jason Korsiak Join author and speaker Jason Korsiak to explore how science fiction can reveal spiritual truths and offer a fresh view of the Gospel.

Both activities are free and open to everyone!

Annual Church Conference

Chaires Methodist Church will hold our annual Global Methodist Church Conference on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the historic sanctuary.**

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate where we have been, reflect on our ministry, and prayerfully plan for our future. Join us as we seek God's direction for the next chapter of our church's life—**rooted in the past and growing for the future!**

Delivering Thanksgiving Goodies

Help us say "thank you" to the emergency first responders who spend Thanksgiving keeping our community safe! Church members are invited to prepare sweet baked goodies and bring them to the church on **Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** We'll package the treats together for delivery on **Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m.**

Mark your calendars and join us for packing, delivering, or both!

- **Packing:** November 25 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Delivering:** November 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Let's share a little sweetness and a heartfelt thank-you with those who serve our community!

November Birthdays	***November Anniversaries***
Linzy, Mary Alice 4 Cayson, Janet 27	Lynne Peters & Ed Fannin 29

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